

# **Westlawn Public School**

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**Newsletter: Term 4 Week 2** 

# Principal's Message:

We hope everyone had a restful break and is ready for a productive and enjoyable final term of the year.

## **Attendance Matters**

Regular attendance is crucial for your child's learning and wellbeing. Each day at school builds knowledge, skills, and friendships that set students up for success. Please ensure your child arrives on time every day and notify the school promptly if your child is absent. Let's work together to keep attendance rates high and support every student's learning journey.

## Jacaranda

The Jacaranda festivities start this Saturday October 25 with the March of the Youth where teachers will meet the children at the Civic Centre at 8:30am. The following Thursday October 30 is Jacaranda Thursday with school finishing at 1pm. Please note buses do not alter their timetable for the day and alternative pick-up arrangements will need to be made.

## **AECG**

The next Grafton Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Meeting which includes the AGM is October 28 at Grafton Public School. See flyer below for more details.

## **Community Engagement**

We value our strong community partnerships and encourage all families to get involved in school activities and events this term. Whether volunteering, attending meetings, or participating in special events, your engagement enriches our school environment and helps create a supportive and inclusive community for all students.

The last term continues to be extremely busy with numerous events, excursions and activities occurring. Please keep updated and informed by checking the school calendar, School Bytes, email or Facebook for information.

## Safe Drop-Off Reminders

The safety of our students is a top priority. Please follow these guidelines to ensure a smooth and safe drop-off routine:

- · Use parking bays on Hoof St
- · Do not double park or stop in no-standing zones.

- · Encourage children to exit vehicles on the curb side where possible.
- · Drive slowly and be vigilant of pedestrians. Your cooperation helps keep our school zone safe and efficient during busy times.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Let's make Term 4 a great finish to the year!

Trent Patterson Principal

# **School Magazine**

The closing date for the school magazine has been extended to this Friday 24th October.

# **Hot Dog Day**

Hot Dog Day will be held on Wednesday 29th October. Order forms have been sent home last week. Payment is by CASH ONLY, please do not pay on School Bytes. Order forms and money are due back at school by Friday 24th October.



#### Jacaranda Parade of Youth

Westlawn Public School will be participating in the Parade of Youth on Saturday 25th October. Teachers will meet the children at the river end of Prince Street at 8.30am for a 9am march.

Teachers will accompany the children down Prince Street to Market Square where you will then need to collect your child.

School uniform with school hat is essential. It is an expectation that school captains and prefects will attend. All WPS students are invited to participate.

# **Sporting News**

# **NSWPSSA Athletics Championships**

We wish Hudson, Piper, Alice, Lola and Gracie the very best when they compete at the 2025 NSWPSSA Athletics Championships in Sydney beginning this Wednesday 22 October.

Hudson will be competing on Wednesday in the junior boys 200m heats from 10:45 am and in the 10 years boys 100m heats from 12:55pm. The finals for both events will be held on Thursday.

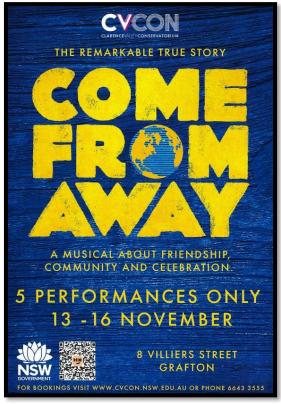
Piper, Alice, Lola and Gracie will run in the junior girls 4 x 100 relay heats on Thursday from 11:45 am. A live link to all events can be accessed at:

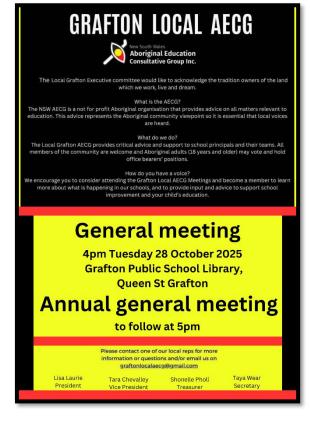
2025 NSWPSSA Primary Athletics Championship - Day 1 Track Stream - NSW School Sport Live Streaming

2025 NSWPSSA Primary Athletics Championship - Day 2 Track Stream (PSSA) - NSW School Sport Live Streaming

WPS CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED ON JACARANDA THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER







WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	13	14	15	16	17
October	School Development Day	Students			
	Development Day	Return			
		Kinder			
2	20	Orientation 21	22	23	24
2	20				
October		Kinder Orientation		Year 3 Camp	Year 3 Camp
		Orientation	PSSA Athletics	PSSA Athletics	<b>GHS Introduction</b>
					Hot dog orders due
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October		Kinder Orientation	Hot Dog Day	Jacaranda Thursday	
		Orientation		Tituisuay	
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Oct / Nov		Orientation			
		GHS half day			
		taster Day			
5	10	11	12	13	14
3		Kinder			
November		Orientation			
6	17	18	19	20	21
November	Year 5 Camp Lake Ainsworth	Year 5 Camp Lake Ainsworth	Year 5 Camp Lake Ainsworth	Year 5 Camp Lake Ainsworth	Year 5 Camp Lake Ainsworth
	Year 6 Camp Canberra	Year 6 Camp Canberra	Year 6 Camp Canberra	Year 6 Camp Canberra	Year 6 Camp Canberra
		Kinder Orientation & Graduation			
7	24	25	26	27	28
November	Year 2 Intensive Swimming	Year 2 Intensive Swimming	Year 2 Intensive Swimming	Year 2 Intensive Swimming	Year 2 Intensive Swimming
8	1	2	3	4	5
Nov/Dec	Year 2 Intensive Swimming	Year 2 Intensive Swimming	Year 2 Intensive Swimming	Year 2 Intensive Swimming	Year 2 Intensive Swimming
		Combined HS	Year 4 Camp	Year 4 Camp	Year 4 Camp
		Transition Day	Yarrahapinni	Yarrahapinni	Yarrahapinni
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9	8	9	10	11	12
December				Year 6 Farewell	
10	15	16	17	18	19
10	Drocontation				
December	Presentation Day				Term 4 ends



# Calendar 2025

# Eastern division



# **Key dates**

Check with your school as starting and finishing dates may change.



#### > First to last days for all students:

Term 1: 6 February to 11 April Term 2: 30 April to 4 July Term 3: 22 July to 26 September Term 4: 14 October to 19 December

---- School development days: Term 1: 31 January to 5 February Term 2: 28 April and 29 April Term 3: 21 July Term 4: 13 October

#### School holidays:

Summer 2024 - 25: 22 December 2024 to 30 January 2025

Autumn: 14 April to 24 April Winter: 7 July to 18 July

Spring: 29 September to 10 October Summer 2025 - 26: 22 December 2025 to 26 January 2026

Public holidays



#### School development days

dates may change. Parents and carers should not send their children to school en school development days.

education.nsw.gov.au/school-development-days



Scan me for key dates

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